

BUDGET WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 18, 2014

A Budget Workshop of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held in the council chamber on the above date.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Engelstad opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Sunshine Law

The meeting has been noticed publicly according to the Open Public Meetings Act requirement for "Annual Notice", and posted on the official bulletin board.

Roll Call 6:06 PM

Present: Council: Cotler, Volante, Goldfarb, Galassetti
Mayor Engelstad
Business Administrator/CFO Wilkins
Absent: Borough Attorney: DuPont
Secretary: Municipal Clerk Mary Ann Solinski

Mayor Engelstad announced that there will be a two hour limit on the Budget Workshop Meetings.

2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Mayor and Council reviewed the preliminary draft of the 2014 Beach Utility Budget with the Chief Financial Officer. Discussions ensued with department heads concerning the requested figures for operations. Considerable repairs are necessary for beach lockers, cost for the purchase of replacement of benches along the beachfront as presently there is not enough for the entire site and the purchase of snow fencing to hold sand during storms. Also discussion of walkovers for the dunes. Councilman Cotler also noted that he feels there should be a two percent increase for lifeguards at the top level of the salary range. Adjustments will be made for the next meeting for review.

The Mayor and Council also reviewed the Sewer Utility Budget with the Chief Financial Officer. A brief discussion ensued regarding the replacement of the public works building roof. Ms. Wilkins advised the amount of the annual billing for Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority is estimated as the actual amount is not available at this time but hopes to receive a figure shortly.

While reviewing preliminary figures for the Operating Budget, Mayor Engelstad noting a large increase in Unemployment cost, stated that he is currently discussing the unemployment

cost for Sandy workers who were hired under the county work program. A brief discussion ensued over the hiring of a new police officer in order to help reduce the cost of department overtime. Council also reviewed requested figures with department heads. The Fire Department requested that their budget be fully restored to include utility expenses. Adjustments will be provided at the next meeting.

Public Comments

Mr. Coan had questions concerning the Fire Department and some other matters. Ms. Wilkins answered on behalf of the officials

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION by Engelstad / Cotler the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Mary Ann Solinski, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk